



Somaliland Election Update / June 2021

On Monday, May 31, Somaliland successfully conducted parliamentary and local council elections, shortly after the country celebrated the 30th anniversary of its independence.

Somaliland welcomed election experts from around the world to observe the latest in a series of free and fair electoral contests conducted over the last two decades.

Since Somaliland's independence in 1991, Somaliland has built and maintained a stable democratic state and become a model for its work in promoting regional security, democratic values, and economic development in the Horn of Africa - a region critical to U.S. interests.

Muse Bihi Abdi, President of Somaliland



Muse Bihi Abdi ✓

@musebihi

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This morning, I cast my vote in the country's first combined Parliamentary & Local Council Elections at a polling station in the Civil Service Commission in Hargeisa. Somaliland votes for peace. It is an honour for our people and the Horn of Africa.

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Ernest Bai Koroma, Former President of Sierra Leone and member of the Limited International Election Observation Mission in Somaliland



Ernest Bai Koroma
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On polling day, 31st May, 2021, observing in [#Somaliland](#), peaceful, free and orderly parliamentary and local council elections.

I commend Somalilanders for such extraordinary turn out & great determination to exercise their Democratic rights.
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I applaud All 3 political parties for working together amicably. As you moved onto the next stage; I urge you to sustain the same degree of commitment to the ideals that have so far characterised these [#elections](#).
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Somaliland's commitments to improving its democratic norms and standards have made it a regional democratic superpower.

Its progress should shame much richer African countries where incumbents are rolling back democratic progress.



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A dirty white, bullet-pocked house, without electricity and running water, does not merit a second glance in the town of Burao high in the...

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Tsai Ing-wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan)



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Congratulations to the people & government of Somaliland on conducting the country's first combined parliamentary & local council elections. [#Taiwan](#) stands with [#Somaliland](#), a model for democracy in the region.

Dr. J. Peter Pham, Distinguished Fellow, Africa Center, Atlantic Council and former U.S. Special Envoy for the Sahel



Dr. J. Peter Pham 
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Ahead of tomorrow's [#SomalilandElections2021](#), a [@PremiumTimesng](#) report quotes my friend Dr. Greg Mills: "[#Somaliland](#) represents an example of an African country which is committed to democracy and development and deserves the support of every African."



Somaliland readies for defining parliamentary, local polls
The country of about four million people has struggled - more from the sweat of her citizens than international ...
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Bronwyn Bruton, Senior Fellow, Africa Center, Atlantic Council



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Congratulations to [#Somaliland](#), where elections are always an occasion of celebration and joy. You are an example to the whole world.



Ph Yusuf Dahir SL CN @yyusufd · May 30

Thank you so much @Wangui40724640 In hours time fellow [#Somaliland](#) citizens will perform their constitutional & democratic rights to cast their vote peacefully, we will make [#Africa](#) proud & uphold the values of democracy as always. [#SomalilandElections2021](#)
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Stuart Brown, Head of the British Office in Hargeisa



Stuart Brown 
@StuartBrownFCDO

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As six days of campaigning comes to an end in [#Somaliland](#), there's still a real buzz in the air here in [#Hargeisa](#). Remain struck by the energy and vibrancy of the campaigns: from singing and dancing to body paint and seas of umbrellas! 🌂👉

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Mehari Taddele Maru, Professor, Migration Policy Centre, the European University Institute



Mehari Taddele Maru ✓
@DrMehari

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Somaliland's democracy passes the 8th test of competitive elections.

Congratulations to all, particularly the people of Somaliland and leadership, for making this possible in our troubled region, and at a time of reversal of significant gains made in past decades.

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Zitto MwamiRuyagwa Kabwe, Party Leader, Alliance for Change & Transparency Wazalendo, Tanzania and Election Observer



Zitto MwamiRuyagwa Kabwe ✓
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Our verdict: – This should be recognised by the world and especially supported by Africa [@_AfricanUnion](#)
"From what the [...] mission saw during its period and scope of observation, the 31 May 2021 Somaliland election process was free, fair and credible".
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Ismael Shirwac, Head of Cooperation & Development Partnerships, the Republic of Somaliland Mission in Kenya



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All citizens have equal rights before the law in the republic of [#Somaliland](#). This is polling station staff checking the voter card of the president just before he casted his vote.

Somaliland is an island of hope and civilization.

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The Limited International Election Observation Mission to Somaliland



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The @LIEOMSomaliland Chief Observer, Prof Michael Walls talks about the work of the independent Limited International Election Observation Mission in #Somaliland, on Election Day, 31 May 2021
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